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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2012 5:49 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Final Version - Sorry for the multiple drafts

(U//FOUO) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The FBI works closely with the FAA to ensure strict compliance with all FAA regulations and with internal counsel to ensure compliance with other legal requirements.

This has been reviewed and all interested parties

SSA [REDACTED]
Field Flight Operations Unit Program Manager
CIRG/SAS/ASB/FFOU

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[REDACTED] (desk)
[REDACTED] (mobile)

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"Never text and drive."

[REDACTED] (RMD)(FBI)

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 11, 2011 5:00 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: [REDACTED]

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FYI

[REDACTED]
Associate General Counsel
Unit Chief, Science and Technology Law Unit
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Bureau of Investigation

From: Hess, Amy S.

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sun Dec 11 16:50:28 2011
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

To: Hess, Amy S.
Cc: [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri Dec 09 10:45:43 2011
Subject: [REDACTED]

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Amy,

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For background information on OTD's program;

We currently have [REDACTED] different type of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UASs) made up of [REDACTED] aircraft which are very small [REDACTED]. We flew on a total of [REDACTED] missions last year. [REDACTED] cases and [REDACTED] cases. Each mission was comprised of numerous flights. The program is managed out of TTS-Video Surveillance Unit. Operation of UAS in the national airspace is strictly regulated by the FAA and we must request permission to fly from the FAA, CIRG's ASB, and the FAA puts out a notice. We

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participate in numerous working groups and cross training exercises with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies as we "jointly" pursue the FAA to make LEO specific regulations and create rules pertaining to different weight classes. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] VSU advises that we do not have any specifics on how the [REDACTED] FBI requested [REDACTED] who is one of [REDACTED] Attorneys assigned to support VSU. advised that either [REDACTED] or CIRG requested [REDACTED] support [REDACTED] the legal review for the use of that [REDACTED] was done by CIRG's CDC. [REDACTED] said the FAA has already been FOIAed for a complete listing of all FBI UAS authorizations from the FAA [REDACTED]

In 2008 there was a press inquiry from Reuters, and the following statement was released. "The FBI has a unit that is experimenting with a variety of unmanned aerial vehicles. At this point, they have been used mainly for search and rescue missions. It is certainly an up and coming technology and the FBI is researching additional uses for this technology. All the normal protections of civil liberties which are required in any other surveillance operation apply to the FBI's UAV program."

[REDACTED]
Supervisory Special Agent , Asst Section Chief
Traditional Technology Section, Operational Technology Division
FBI Science and Technology Branch
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[REDACTED]

UAS. You are on this email because you are either using or expressed interest in using UAS. While this statute is aimed at Federal agencies, it will likely be a template for states to enact. The language has a number of flaws and AUVSI is working on providing revisions to the language to make it more manageable. AUVSI cannot necessarily stop this bill but at least offer constructive feedback on how to make it manageable.

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,



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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 10:47 AM
To: [Redacted]

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----- Original Message -----

From: Hess, Amy S.

To: Bean, W L Scott

Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DiClemente, Anthony P. [REDACTED]

Sent: Thu Feb 14 13:29:24 2013

Subject: RE: DO

Update: Just heard from [REDACTED] Dir would like to see the demo [REDACTED] He has another commitment [REDACTED] then will go directly to [REDACTED] track, so we need to be in place & ready [REDACTED] I advised that EAD, me, & Tony are all out next week, so STB/OTD [REDACTED] will be represented by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is expecting the whitepaper written by OTD & OGC on UAV program [REDACTED]

Scott -- Please ensure all logistics are worked out with [REDACTED] rehearse/review briefing & demo with [REDACTED] in advance, & have some color slides/charts ready (laminated or poster-size), e.g. specifications on each type of UAV, photos of UAVs, etc. Time frame should be limited to 30 minutes, although Dir may stay longer, if possible.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bean, W L Scott

Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2013 1:08 PM

To: Hess, Amy S. [REDACTED]

Subject: Fw: DO

FYI. VSU was already on top of it.
SB

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]

To: Bean, W L Scott

Sent: Thu Feb 14 13:02:41 2013

Subject: Re: DO

Our guys have been out there since 10 this morning. I was on my way there myself. Your welcome to come by if you have time.

----- Original Message -----

From: Bean, W L Scott

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thu Feb 14 13:00:22 2013

Subject: Fw: DO

Still on standby for tomorrow. Please see the AD's suggestion below.

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----- Original Message -----

From: Hess, Amy S.
To: Bean, W L Scott

Cc: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thu Feb 14 12:59:08 2013

Subject: FW: DO

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Scott -- per below, we're still on stand-by for Dir's visit [REDACTED] Please let your folks know we may get a very short notification [REDACTED] so I'd suggest they go to [REDACTED] track today to scope everything out. Thanks.

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2013 9:38 AM

To: Hess, Amy S.

Subject: DO

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[REDACTED] called still on standby for DO visit. She appreciates your patience

